

Dog Licenses

Montgomery County requires that all dogs over four months of age have a current dog license. For convenience of Blacksburg residents, County licenses may be purchased at the Financial Services Department located in the Blacksburg Municipal Building or at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Christiansburg. Dog licenses, which are due by January 1st each year, cost \$5.00 for a male/female dog or \$3.00 for a spayed/ neutered dog. Pet owners must provide veterinarian certification of rabies vaccination and, if applicable, certification that the pet has been spayed or neutered. Dog license tags are to be securely fastened to a substantial collar and worn by the dog.



Cats

Vaccination of Cats

Montgomery County regulations require that all cats over four months of age be vaccinated with a rabies vaccine approved by the State Department of Health and that such vaccination be current and within its effective date. Montgomery County also requires that receipts issued for rabies vaccinations be carefully preserved by the pet owner and exhibited promptly upon request for inspection by any animal warden or other officer.

Helpful Contacts:

Montgomery County Animal Control
Humane Society Animal Shelter

382-5795
382-1166

Dogs & Cats in the Blacksburg Community



The Town of Blacksburg appreciates and encourages responsible pet ownership. Animal control regulations addressed in the Blacksburg Town Code are designed to ensure the safety and general welfare of Blacksburg residents.

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Dogs

Leash Law

Town regulations prohibit dogs from running at large within the Town limits. Dogs must be kept secured by a leash at any time that they are off the premises of the owner. The Montgomery County Animal Control Warden or any Town Police Officer may cause any dog found running at large to be caught and confined in the Montgomery County animal shelter. The owner of an impounded dog will be charged the expenses incurred by the County for the animal's confinement.

Barking Dogs

The harboring or keeping of any dog which, by loud frequent, continuous or untimely barking or howling shall cause annoyance and disturb the peace and quiet of any person or neighborhood is hereby declared to be a nuisance and unlawful. Citizens affected by a barking dog are requested to contact the dog's owner prior to contacting the town to attempt to resolve differences and objections with the owner of the barking dog. Criminal or civil proceedings may be instituted against any person violating this provision which could result in the owner or custodian being convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor. A third conviction within one year will result in the dog's permanent removal from the Town.

Clean-Up Requirements

Pet owners are required to clean up after their dogs should they deposit dog waste on other people's private property or on public property including recreation parks, bike paths, walkways and sidewalks.



Dangerous or Vicious Dogs

A dangerous dog is defined as an unprovoked canine or canine crossbreed which has bitten, attacked, or inflicted injury on a person or companion animal, other than a dog. The owner of an identified dangerous dog is required annually to obtain a dangerous dog registration certificate from the County's animal control officer for a fee of \$50 in addition to other fees that may be authorized by law. An identification tag, issued by the animal control officer, shall be affixed to the animal's collar and worn at all times. While on the property of its owner, an animal found to be a dangerous dog shall be confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked structure. When off its owner's property, the animal shall be kept on a leash and muzzled to prevent it from biting a person or another animal. The owner of a dangerous dog must immediately notify the Montgomery County Animal Control Warden if the dog is loose or unconfined; attacks a person or other animal; is sold, given away or dies; or is moved to a different address.

A vicious dog is a canine or canine crossbreed which has killed or inflicted serious injury to a person or has continued, after notification to its owner, to exhibit behavior which resulted in a finding that it is a dangerous dog. The owner or custodian of a vicious dog may be summonsed to appear in court for possible ordering of euthanization of the animal.